IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 21-23. Please amend claims 1, 9, and 27 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A laminate comprising:

a liquid water resistant and water vapor permeable expanded polytetrafluoroethylene functional layer,

and at least one leather layer having an outer surface and an inner surface,

wherein the leather layer is openly hydrophobicized by saturating the leather with a hydropohobicizer selected from the group consisting of fluorocarbons, silicones, and polysiloxanes, and

is laminated with its inner surface unmediatedly onto one side of the functional layer using a powder adhesive,

the laminate having a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than $600x10^{-3}$ (m^2 mbar)/W and a crumple flex durability of at least 50,000 cycles.

2. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the inner surface of the leather layer is the flesh side of the leather.

3. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein an adhesive is situated between the functional layer and the leather layer to bond the functional layer and the leather layer together adhesively.

4. (previously presented) The laminate of claim 3, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, polyesters, and polyamides.

5. (original) The laminate of claim 4, wherein the adhesive is a copolyester or a copolyamide.

6. (original) The laminate of claim 4, wherein the adhesive is a polyurethane.

7. (previously presented) The laminate of claim 4, wherein the adhesive is a mixture of adhesives selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, polyesters, and polyamides.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The laminate of claim [[8]] 1, wherein the hydrophobicizer is a fluorocarbon.

10. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer comprises natural leather.

11. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer comprises a leather substitute.

12. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer has a spray rating greater than 70%.

13. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer has a thickness of between 0.8 mm and 2 mm.

14. (original) The laminate of claim 13, wherein the leather layer has a thickness of between 1 mm and 1.5 mm.

15. (original) The laminate of claim 1 having a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than $400x10^{-3}$ (m^2 mbar)/W.

16. (previously presented) The laminate of claim 15, having a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than $300x10^{-3}$ (m^2 mbar)/W.

17. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer after complete immersion in deionized water for 1 hour increases by less than 50% in weight compared with a dry laminate.

18. (original) The laminate of claim 17, wherein the leather layer after complete immersion in deionized water for 1 hour increases by less than 10% in weight compared with a dry laminate.

19. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the functional layer comprises a textile sheet material which is laminated onto the other side of the functional layer.

20. (original) The laminate of claim 19, wherein the textile sheet material is a woven fabric, a consecutive course formation knitted fabric, a nonwoven fabric or a synchronous course formation knitted fabric.

21-23. (cancalled)

24. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate is waterproof at a water pressure of greater than 0.13 bar.

25. (original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer has an abrasion resistance of <3 by the Darmstadt method.

26. (original) Apparel comprising a laminate as claimed in any of claims 1-25, wherein the outer surface of the leather layer faces away from the body.

27. (currently amended) A process for producing a laminate comprising the following steps:

a) providing an openly hydrophobicized leather layer which has been saturated with a hydrophobicizer selected from the group consisting of fluorocarbons, silicones, and polysiloxanes having an inner surface and an outer surface;

b) providing a liquid water resistant and water vapor permeable expanded polytetrafluoroethylene functional layer;

c) providing an adhesive powder for bonding the leather layer and the functional layer together adhesively;

d) unmediatedly laminating the inner surface of the leather layer onto the functional layer by joining the adhesive powder together between the leather layer and the functional layer; and

e) wherein the laminate has a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than $600x10^{-3}$ (m^2 mbar)/W and a crumple flex durability of at least 50,000 cycles.

28. (original) The process of claim 27, wherein the adhesive is continuously inserted.

29. (original) The process of claim 27, wherein the adhesive is applied in dot form.

30. Cancelled.

31. (original) The process of claim 27, wherein the adhesive is applied to one side of the functional layer prior to step b).

32. (original) The process of claim 31, wherein the inner surface of the leather layer is laminated onto the adhesive-provided side of the functional layer.

33. (original) The process of claim 27, wherein the inner surface of the leather layer is provided with an adhesive prior to step a).

34. (original) The process of claim 33, wherein the functional layer is laminated onto the adhesive-provided inner surface of the leather layer.

35. (original) The process of claim 28, wherein the adhesive is inserted as a continuous single adhesive layer between the functional layer and the leather layer.

36. (original) The process of claim 27, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group of the polyurethanes, polyesters, polyamides.

37. (original) The process of claim 36, wherein the adhesive is a polyurethane.